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CURRENT HAPPENINGS

FAITHFUL CHRONICLE OF ALL IMPORTANT ITEMS.

BABES BEFORE LAMBS

PINSHOT SAYS SHEEP INTERESTS ARE SECONDARY.

President's Envoy is Coldly Received by Stockmen, but He Tells Them Plainly that Government Wants to Raise Children Instead of Lambs.

The forty-third annual convention of the National Wool Growers' association was called to order at 10 o'clock Thursday morning in Salt Lake City, Utah. Owing to the non-arrival of many delegates a recess was taken until 1:30 Thursday afternoon.

More than 1,000 delegates were in the city, and the convention was enthusiastically received by the vice president and sections of the country where sheep are raised were represented. The wool trade of Boston and other eastern cities also was represented.

A feature of the convention is an exhibition of standard high bred and high grade sheep at the state fair grounds, where more than 500 sheep, mostly from the intermountain country, are on exhibition.

It developed early that the delegates almost to a man are bitterly hostile to the forest reserve policy of the government. This sentiment was vigorously voiced by the vice president in his annual address, which set the convention wild with enthusiasm, while the defense of the administration by Chief Forester Clifford Pinchot, of the agricultural department, was very coldly received.

At the climax of his address Dr. Wilson declared that the transformation of the ranges into forest reserves from which the sheep are excluded will put Wyoming back twenty years and reduce her wealth 50 per cent. He also discussed the transportation question, saying that the facilities of the railroads should be ample in view of the increased equipment within the past year. The trouble, he suggested, is due to the lack of speed rather than to lack of cars.

Mr. Pinchot took the broad ground that the sheepmen represent only a small proportion of the people of the United States and that their interests must give way, if necessary, to the welfare of the nation. He expressed his personal sympathy, but added:

"This question of ranges is your question. Our concern is for the home-steaders. The government wants to raise children instead of lambs."

RUSHED TO PENITENTIARY.

St. Louis Lawyer Sentenced Shortly After Being Arrested.

Horace E. Hand, of St. Louis, an attorney and chief clerk of the law department of the Frisco Railroad company, was arrested and released on \$2,000 bond Thursday and strict secrecy was maintained concerning the nature of the charge against him. The charge was made at the instance of District Attorney Sager. When Hand was admitted to bond in the circuit attorney's office all newspaper men were excluded.

Later in the afternoon during a conference in Circuit Attorney Sager's office Hand broke down and confessed he was guilty of forgery. At his own request he was immediately taken before Circuit Judge Muench, where he pleaded guilty to the two charges against him. He was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary. He asked to be taken to the penitentiary at once and was taken on a night train to Jefferson City.

Blockade is Broken.

The blockade of the main line of the Great Northern in Montana has been broken. The track from St. Paul to Spokane is clear after being blockaded for a week. It is intensely cold at Havre, 42 below being registered there. Reports of heavy losses of cattle and sheep are being received from all parts of the state.

Deposes Episcopal Divine.

Rev. Dr. F. E. J. Lloyd, who resigned the rectorate of St. Peter's Episcopal church at Uniontown, Pa., last Sunday, to take up mission work for the Catholic church, has been formally unfrocked and deposed from the ministry of the church by the bishop of the Pittsburgh Episcopal diocese.

Prohibit Passes in Illinois.

Representative Robert W. McKinley introduced a bill into the Illinois house Wednesday prohibiting any state official from accepting any pass or telegraph, frank and prohibiting railroad and telegraph corporations from issuing same. The penalty for violation is from six months to one year in jail.

St. Louis Live Stock Market.

Thursday's quotations on the St. Louis live stock market follow: Beef, \$5.50 to \$6.50. Top hogs, \$6.40.

Negro Boy Hanged.

Elmer Dempster, the 19-year-old negro who was convicted of killing Mrs. James Pearce and her three children on July 29 last at Canonsburg, Pa., was hanged in the jail yard there Thursday.

Kills Wife, Daughter and Himself.

Alex Ballance, of Columbus, O., a Hungarian miner, Thursday killed his wife and daughter Pearl, aged 16 years, and then committed suicide at Batou, in Belmont county.

PRINCE AGAINST SHOEMAKER.

Campaign in Germany Brings On Some Queer Contests.

The campaign of the socialists in Germany apparently is making headway, and in official circles it is stated that the Kaiser is worried. The socialists are confident of victory, but they are not permitting their campaign to lag. They are well supplied with money and are contesting 233 out of the 337 election districts in the empire. The government adherents are using the foreign bugaboo in their campaign, but it seemingly is having little effect.

The contrasts between the candidates in some of the districts is striking. In Götting a socialist shoemaker is running against the hereditary prince, nephew by marriage of King Edward. In another district a socialist miller is contesting against one of the Kaiser's favorites.

REVERSE FOR BAILEY.

Texas House Permits Attorney General to File Charges.

Attorney General Davidson appeared in the Texas house Wednesday with the documentary evidence which, it is charged, implicates Senator Bailey in connection with the readmission of the Waters-Pierce Oil company in violation of the anti-trust laws of the state. Senator Bailey's supporters objected to consideration of the evidence unless it was genuine and unless Senator Bailey could look over it at the same time as the members. It was then suggested that Attorney General Davidson be required to prove the correctness of the papers. Both propositions were voted down. The attorney general filed the evidence with the speaker pending further developments. The house then resumed argument as to whether there shall be an investigation.

PRAYS; LEAPS TO DEATH.

New Yorker Ends Life in a Sensational Manner.

Adolph Pallock, of New York, a Bohemian, 50 years old, hurled himself to death from the roof of a five-story building in Avenue A Wednesday, in sight of a crowd of several hundred persons which was attracted by his peculiar actions on the roof. Several times he was seen to approach the edge of the roof, look over into the street and then fall on his knees in an attitude of prayer. Finally Pallock rose and, placing his hands over his eyes, sprang into space. His body was crushed almost to a pulp when it fell onto a stone-paved street at the feet of the horrified spectators. Pallock was in poor health, and several times had threatened to take his life.

Canned Fruit Kills Babies.

The 5-year-old son and the 10-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Imidick, of Meier's Grove, Minn., are dead as the result of eating poison believed to have been generated in canned fruit. Four other children and the parents themselves are ill, but are out of danger.

Ohio River Very High.

Boats at Evansville, Ind., Wednesday began using the new channel cut by the high water in the Ohio river Wednesday. The stream may permanently change its course, and if it does Evansville will be high and dry. High water threatens the destruction of the water works system.

Woman Wins Unique Honor.

Miss Mary A. Saunders, of Oklahoma, a lawyer, has been appointed an examiner in the United States patent office at a salary of \$1,200 a year. She is the first woman to be designated for appointment to such a place under the government.

Twins for Twin Twin.

Twins were born to Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Armstrong, of Logansport, Ind., Wednesday. Armstrong, himself a twin, was married to Miss Mabel Morrison, a twin, by the Rev. Thomas O. Throston, a twin. His best man was S. B. Wallace, a twin.

To Carry Supplies Free.

Several steamship lines whose vessels touch Jamaica announced Wednesday that they would carry free of charge supplies for the Kingston sufferers.

Spaugh Gets New Lease on Life.

Sheriff E. L. Fitz received orders from Gov. Folk to postpone the execution of Wm. Spaugh until Jan. 28. Spaugh was to have been hanged Thursday.

Shaw Gets New Secretary.

Secretary Shaw has selected F. Jerome Starek, of Cleveland, O., as his private secretary to succeed Arthur F. Statter, who was recently appointed assistant secretary of the treasury.

Stockmen Will Suffer.

Range conditions in Montana are the worst in the history of the country. The range is covered with snow from a depth of ten inches to three feet. Sheep men will suffer the heaviest, as horses and cattle can be driven out to some extent. The temperature is about 30 degrees below zero.

Rev. Laurence J. Kavanaugh Dead.

Rev. Laurence J. Kavanaugh, S. J., a professor in St. Joseph college, Philadelphia, is dead, aged 54.

TO PROSECUTE COAL TRUST.

Evidence Against Northwestern Firms is Prepared.

Iowa and South Dakota are vitally interested in certain evidence regarding a combination of wholesale and retail coal dealers operating in the northwest, which is about to be transmitted to the department of justice by the interstate commerce commission. This evidence was found by Commissioner Land while investigating the coal shortage situation at St. Paul. It is charged that a trust has been formed for the purpose of maintaining prices and boycotting all who did not agree. In the opinion of the commerce commissioners it is a combination in restraint of trade and the transmission of evidence to the department of justice is for the purpose of enabling the beginning of a prosecution under the Sherman anti-trust law.

The names of the conspiring firms cannot be drawn from the interstate commerce commission.

FEAR THEY MAY GO MAD.

Whole Family is Taking the Pasture Treatment.

Living in constant fear that the next hour may find them in the throes of hydrophobia, remembering the struggles of their husband and father, who died last week, the victim of a mad dog's bite, a whole family is receiving Pasture treatment at the Mercy hospital in Pittsburgh, Pa. In the hope of being saved from the certain death which confronts them unless medical science can save them from infection.

The six persons who are taking treatment are Mrs. Alice Black, her two sons, Dean and Howard; daughter Mrs. Eula Owings; Mrs. Owings's husband, and D. S. Gordon, all of Hanlon, Washington county, where Mr. Black died several days ago, after suffering from hydrophobia for nearly a week, while his relations watched at the bedside, trying to relieve the struggles.

GUGGENHEIM QUILTS BUSINESS.

New Senator from Colorado Resigns from Various Companies.

In joint session Wednesday Simon Guggenheim was declared elected United States senator for Colorado. He was greeted with applause by his supporters and the audience crowding the galleries.

Mr. Guggenheim announced his resignation as an official from all business concerns with which he has been connected. The most important of these are the Western Mining company, of Leadville, Colo., the Guggenheim Exploration company of New York, the United Lead company of New York, the Federal Lead company of Missouri, the American Smelters Securities company of New York, the United States Zinc company of Pueblo, Colo., and the American Smelter Steamship company.

MT. AETNA MORE ACTIVE.

Movement of Volcano Coincided with Kingston Disaster.

The earthquake at Kingston, Jamaica, was co-incidental with increased activity of Mt. Aetna and slight earthquakes in the Medianian mountains in Sicily. Prof. Ricke, director of the Mt. Aetna observatory, says that either the fire openings inside the crater which were discovered in 1893 have increased in size or eruptions are occurring inside the volcano, as from the outside nothing but smoke and a reflection of fire can be seen. The volcano is throwing out ashes, and subterranean detonations are heard. The present phenomena are similar to those of 1893, when one of the most severe eruptions occurred.

CHICAGO HAS A MYSTERY.

Woman Found Dead in Hotel Was Poisoned.

It was definitely determined in Chicago Friday that the woman found dead at the Hotel Whitcomb Thursday was poisoned. She came to the hotel in company with man who signed the register, "M. Friedman and wife." He disappeared before the death of the woman was discovered and has not been found.

It is believed the couple came to Chicago from some other place.

Well Known Cattleman Dead.

Capt. John T. Lytle, general manager and secretary of the Texas Cattle Raisers' association, is dead at San Antonio. He was one of the best known cattle men in the United States.

Big Chicago Fire.

Half a million dollars' worth of property burned Tuesday in Chicago, when a fire partially destroyed the eight-story building occupied principally by M. A. Donohue & Co., printers and publishers, 407 429 Dearborn street.

Wisconsin's New Capitol.

The work of laying the walls of the new capitol of Wisconsin has begun at Madison. The building is to cost between \$4,000,000 and \$6,000,000.

Maniac Murders Two Sons.

George H. Moreland, a farmer living near Trumbull Center, O., suddenly became insane Tuesday and killed his two sons, aged 7 and 9, by slashing their throats with a razor. Moreland was taken into custody.

One Killed in Wreck.

One man was killed and three others badly injured Tuesday as the result of a freight wreck on the tracks of the Nickel Plate and Pennsylvania railroads, near Bialadell, N. Y.

STATE OF NEBRASKA

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

Play for Sympathy—August Mueller, a Prisoner in the Stanton County Jail, Helps Others to Escape—Scheme to Create Good Impression.

August Mueller, a prisoner in the Stanton county jail, who is under sentence of fifteen years in the penitentiary for shooting his wife, his father-in-law and his mother-in-law last spring, worked a clever scheme. It is alleged, to excite sympathy for himself, in the hope that if the supreme court grants him a new trial he might stand a better chance of being set free. He broke open the jail, liberated a fellow prisoner, and then told Sheriff Stucker that three men had come and freed the escaped horse thief. He declared that he had remained in jail because he did not care to run away.

People of the community began thinking Mueller was a model prisoner until Gehhardt, the escaped jail break, was recaptured and told how Mueller had suggested the escape and had liberated Gehhardt by means of an iron bar which sprung open the window bars. Gehhardt said that Mueller told him as soon as he was jailed that he ought to get out, and then showed him how. Mueller declared that he did not wish to escape, because he knew he would be recaptured, and by remaining he might have a chance to be acquitted in case a new trial was granted.

SOLDIER REID GUILTY.

Man Who Shot Marshal Moss Convicted of Manslaughter.

The trial of the case of the state against John Reid, a sergeant from Fort Robinson, ended in Reid being found guilty of manslaughter.

The killing took place on Sunday afternoon, May 13. A large number of soldiers had been drinking and fighting in the residence portion of Crawford, to the disturbance of the residents. When Marshal Moss arrived at the scene a large number of the negroes ran away, leaving half a dozen to stay with the sergeant, who was armed, and who immediately ordered the marshal, a man weighing 112 pounds, and shot him in the back.

The trial has been very expensive, as the negro soldiers in the territory contributed some \$2,000 for Reid's defense.

UNCLE SAM TRAPS TRADER.

Man Charged with Traffic in Supplies of Soldiers.

Isaac Israel, 1113 1/2 Pacific street, Omaha, was arrested by Detective Ferris and Deputy United States Marshal Moore on the charge of illegal traffic in property of the government bought from soldiers at Fort Crook.

Israel was taken before United States Commissioner Anderson and released under bond of \$400 to await a preliminary examination. It is alleged Israel has done a wholesale and lucrative business with the soldiers at the government reservation in buying their superfluous supplies of clothing and selling them at a handsome profit.

SUTHERLAND OUT OF COAL.

Not a Pound for Sale by Any of the Dealers.

Sutherland was without a pound of coal for sale on the 13th inst. and severely cold weather, the prospects for suffering for want of fuel are being faced by the people of that community. Coal is the only fuel that can be obtained in that section, and when the supply runs short the citizens must face a hard problem.

It is estimated that the little coal hoarded by the people of the neighborhood will last but a few days at the outside, and then suffering must ensue unless the railroads will haul in a supply.

Farmer's Wife Scalded.

Mrs. Lucy Boss, wife of P. P. Boss, a farmer living near Humboldt, was painfully burned about the face and forehead by the explosion of a pail of boiling water upon which the cover had been pressed down too tightly, confining the steam. Fortunately, her eyes seem to be uninjured and it is not thought the burns will cause her serious inconvenience.

Drayman Killed by Fall.

Frank Bradshaw, a teamster of Fairbury, was thrown from the top of a load of shingles, several bolts of shingles falling on him, breaking his collar bone and two ribs. He died from the effects of the injuries. Mr. Bradshaw has lived in Fairbury for thirty years.

Towns in Darkness.

The armature at the power house of the Wabasha Electric company was burned out at Wymore and as a result the towns of Blue Springs and Wymore were in darkness. The armature has been sent to Omaha for repairs.

Hurt in Runaway.

Mrs. Grace Bumgardner and daughter, Ada, were thrown from a buggy in a runaway two miles north of Beatrice on Saturday and severely bruised. Mrs. Bumgardner struck on her head and shoulders and narrowly escaped being killed.

Mennonites to Build Church.

The Mennonites have completed arrangements for the erection of a church on Plum creek, two miles north and two miles east of Beemer, on the Dan Birk farm. Work has already begun on the foundation of the building.

Williams Acquitted of Murder.

The jury in the case of the state against Clarence Williams, on trial at Auburn for the killing of his father, Isaac Williams, reached a verdict of not guilty.

MAN ASSAULTS WOMAN.

Assaultant Has Been in Asylum Once for Similar Offense.

Late Saturday afternoon as Mrs. W. D. Grant, of Broken Bow, was returning home from a visit to her son-in-law, William Parker, she was attacked by Birney Mohat, who tried to assault her. Mrs. Grant was walking across the field to the main road, when Mohat, whose brothers live a short distance from there, jumped from the stubble and pinioned her in his arms.

She desperately fought her assailant and screamed for help. As she was about to succumb two brothers of Mohat, hearing her screams, rushed to the rescue. Mrs. Grant, in an exhausted condition, was brought to her home in Broken Bow. Mohat, who is a half-witted degenerate, has already been in the asylum for trying to assault a little girl several years ago. Deputy Thompson later located his prisoner in a haymow and brought him to the county jail.

OLD TOWN IS MOVED.

Arberville Merchants Move Their Goods to New Town of Polk.

It is with regret that the oldest settler has to see the town of Arberville move, and it is hard to believe that those who stood up for Arberville in the past should load their business houses on wheels and move to the new town of Polk, on the Union Pacific extension from Stromsburg to Central City.

At first the businessmen resolved that they would stay by Arberville to the last, which meant that Polk would have considerable competition. The City Improvement company of Polk has made some flattering offers to owners of business property and in many cases donated lots and paid for the moving of the buildings and stocks, and are by one they have left, until all that is left in Arberville, the inland city of York county, is a post-office, blacksmith shop and meat market, and the town is liable to lose these.

ORDER FENCES DESTROYED.

Action Against Nebraska Stockmen by Federal Judge.

Judge Munger, of the United States district court in Omaha, Monday issued an order to the United States marshal to destroy the fences on the Margrave ranch in Sheridan county, unless they are taken down within five days.

A perpetual injunction was also issued forbidding William A. James, T. and Earl Margrave to fence the public domain. The Margrave ranch is said to inclose about 40,000 acres of public land. Much of this is alleged to have been illegally filed upon, and these entries are all canceled. William T. Margrave, the head of the company, was recently killed in a runaway.

WOMAN IS BURNED TO DEATH.

Clothes Take Fire from Stove and She Dies in Great Agony.

Mrs. Merrick, a widow, living on the Meisner farm, a mile and a half north of Shelby, met a fearful death. She was fixing the fire in a heating stove and in some manner her apron caught fire from the stove and in an instant her whole wearing apparel was in flames and was entirely burned from her body. Her body was so burned that she died but four hours and died in much agony.

Whisky Cause of Death.

Robert La Feber, a farmer who lived in the island district south of Valley, started for his home from Valley in an intoxicated condition. In the morning he was found in an unconscious condition in a field near his home road, the wagon being overturned and the team waiting near. He died a few hours later.

Wound Not Fatal.

Charles Robinson, aged 14, was shot full in the face by a shotgun in the hands of his little sister near Ewing, and will live. The charge, including shot and wad, entered his face at the nose, tore out his teeth and remained in his head. He was then driven fourteen miles for medical aid.

Gold in Crop of Fowls.

Gold and copper found in the crops of a dead goose and a dead duck led to the discovery of gold and copper in the sand around a spring at the farm of Peter Bussey, west of Norfolk. Mr. Bussey believes he has a fortune in the mineral.

Mrs. Lillie Visits in Lincoln.

Mrs. Margaret Lena Lillie, who was pardoned by Gov. Mickey and released from the penitentiary, was visiting friends in Lincoln last week. Mrs. Lillie went out to Butler county immediately after being released, and before going announced she intended to go to California.

Teachers at Beaver City.

The first annual meeting of the Furnas County Teachers' association convened at Beaver City Monday in the high school building. In spite of the threatening weather there was a large attendance, and an active interest in school affairs was manifested.

Burned with Gasoline.

While filling a lamp with gasoline in the German Turner hall at Plattsmouth, John Sattler spilled some of the fluid on his sleeves, which ignited and spread to the tape, causing an explosion. His hands were dreadfully burned.

Railroad Brakeman Killed.

Gladstone Tate, aged 27, a brakeman employed by the Burlington, was run over and killed in the yards at Lincoln Sunday morning.

Reward for White's Slayer.

Richard White, who was supposed to have been run over by a train, was been murdered, and the reward of \$100 has been offered by the board of supervisors at Kearney.

Preacher Dies in California.

People of Nelson, and members of the Presbyterian church in particular, are much grieved over a telegram received from California announcing the death of Rev. W. W. Bard, pastor of that church.

QUAKE AND FIRE RAVAGE KINGSTON.

Jamaica's Capital Visited by Awful Double Disaster.

FOUR HUNDRED DEAD

Public Buildings Wrecked and Dying Choke Hospitals.

PROPERTY LOSS IS ENORMOUS.

Cables Snapped by Shock and Menager Details Tell Story.



WORK OF EARTHQUAKE.	
Number of persons killed	400
Injured (estimated)	1,000
Property loss (estimated)	\$10,000,000
Population of Kingston	50,000
Number of American visitors (estimated)	2,500
Time of first shock	3:30 p. m. Monday.

Four hundred persons are dead, at least 1,000 more have been wounded more or less seriously and property loss estimated at \$10,000,000 wrought by a terrible earthquake which visited the city of Kingston and the southern coast of Jamaica late Monday afternoon. Fire followed the wrecking of the city, as was the case in the San Francisco disaster.

Direct communication with Kingston was cut off when the earthquake snapped the cables to America. Temporary land lines were established, however, connecting with other cable lines, through which sources of news details of the disaster were received.

Kingston was overwhelmed by the earthquake. All the houses within a radius of ten miles were damaged and nearly every house in the city was destroyed. Fire broke out after the earthquake and completed the ruin. The business section of the city is a heap of smoldering ashes. The killed number about 400 and thousands were injured. Churches, public offices and hotels are gone.

Fires broke out again Tuesday night. The negroes looted the runshops. A dispatch says that 500 persons have been killed. There were weird and terrible scenes. Forty-five invalid soldiers were burned to death in the military hospital. Several shocks were felt Wednesday.

Cables from Colon indicate that many victims were burned to death, the operator using the words "furnace of human souls." He also described the "dead by hundreds."

Hospitals Choked with Wounded.

The hospitals that remain standing were choked with injured; dead lay in all portions of the city and some of the bodies were burned up by the flames which swept over the place.

Jamaica, being a great winter resort, with the city of Kingston the main point of interest, attracted hundreds of pleasure seekers to its shores, and alarm was felt all over America for persons from this country who were near the scene of the seismic disturbance. Dispatches indicate, however, that no Americans have been killed or wounded.

Englishmen in Peril.

England did not escape so fortunately, however. Sir James Fergusson was killed. The most distinguished visitors at Kingston were members of a party of English statesmen, agricultural experts and men of affairs, who under the leadership of Sir Alfred Jones had arrived in Kingston within the last few days to attend an agricultural conference there.

Among those in the company were Hall Caine, the novelist; Viscount Montagu, H. O. Arnold-Forster, M. P.; Sir Thomas Hughes, Sir Thomas Shaan and others of equal prominence. The Earl and Countess of Dudley also were passengers on the steamer which carried out the Jones party.

The first great shock was felt about 3:30 o'clock Monday afternoon and flames immediately sprang from the wreckage to carry on the work of destruction. Tuesday afternoon the fire was still burning.

Noted Hotel Wrecked.

The Myrtle Bank Hotel, the principal hotel at Kingston, which probably sheltered the great bulk of visitors on the island, is reported destroyed. The great military hospital was burned and forty soldiers are reported dead.